Edith De Berry Powell (1878-1966) Collection

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BIOGRAPHY

Edith Almedia De Berry was born on September 27, 1878 near Oakland, Maryland to Mr. and Mrs. Clark DeBerry. She graduated from Western Maryland College in 1902. In 1907, she took a position teaching foreign languages and mathematics at West Lafayette College, Ohio where she met and married Homer K. Powell in 1909. When West Lafayette College merged with Adrian College they moved to Michigan to teach at Adrian. Edith and Homer had four children, Eugene, Carroll, Margaret, and Eleanor. After Carroll was born Edith gave up her teaching career, however she continued to substitute occasionally in the foreign language department of Adrian. During World War II Edith took a job helping to publish the Michigan Christian Advocate where she worked until her retirement at age 82. She died in 1966 age 87.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of papers, photographs, newspaper clippings, and artifacts. Included are Edith De Berry’s compositions, correspondence, artifacts, and books from her college years which make up the bulk of material.

The collection was transferred to the Archives by the donor in no particular order. It is divided into three genres – papers, books, and artifacts. The essays are ordered by date and alphabetically when there was no date. Other papers are by date. Books are alphabetically.

Yearbooks for 1899 and 1902 have been removed from collection and placed with the yearbook collection.

CONTAINER LIST

- Box 1: papers, 1890s-1966 (bulk 1900-1914)
- Box 2: books
- Box 3: books
- Box 4: artifacts and photograph
- Box 5: artifacts

INVENTORY

- Box 1: Papers
  Folder 1: Newspaper clippings
  Folder 2: Wish Bone composition book with essays
  Folder 3: Essay
  Folder 4: Genius composition book with essays
  Folder 5: Papers
  Folder 6: Composition book with school work and essays
Folder 7: Loose papers from composition book in folder 8
Folder 8: Composition book September 1900
Folder 9: Essays, undated
Folder 10: Essays, 1890s-1902
Folder 11: Correspondence, 1902 & 1904
Folder 12: Invitations (1902-1905)
Folder 13: Wedding shower List, 1907
Folder 14: German reader, 1914
Folder 15: Scanned photographs, 1902, 1908, & 1924
Folder 16: Essay on James Henry Straughn, 1942
Folder 17: Newspaper clippings about Mr. and Mrs. Powell
Folder 18: Excepts from Funeral Service and obituary for Edith De Berry Powell
April 30, 1966

- Box 2: Books
  Bryant, William Cullen. *Poems*.
  Corneille. *Le Cid*.
  Dumas, Alexandre. *Vingt Ans Après*
  Dumas, Alexandre. *Les Trois Mousquetaires*.
  Eliot, George. *Adam Bede*.
  *The Fifth Reader*
  Fulda, Ludwig. *Der Talisman*.
  Goethe. *Hermann and Dorothea*.
  Halvédy, Ludovic. *L'Abbé Constantin*.
  Hawthorne. *Great Book of Recitations and Dialogues*.
  Hugo, Victor. *Hernani*.

- Box 3: Books
  Hugo, Victor. *Ruy Blas*.
  *New Mental Arithmetic*.
  Schiller, Friedrich. *Jungfrau von Orleans*.
  *Three-Minute Readings for College Girls*
  *The Twentieth Century Speaker*

- Box 4: Artifacts and Photograph
  Norment Prize (1900)
  Graduation cap (1902)
  Framed photograph, Edith Dewberry Powell (1902)

- Box 5: Artifacts
  Vanity set
Additional catalog entries:

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**Corporate Bodies:**

- Western Maryland College, Maryland
- West Lafayette College, Ohio

**Subjects:**

- Women—Students--College—United States—McDaniel College

**Genres and Forms:**

- Artifacts
- Books
- Correspondence
- Essays
- Newspaper clippings
- Photographs

**Occupations:**

- Student
- Educator